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REFS: (A) GENEVA 2290 (B) STATE 75442 (C) BERN 1419

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1. CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE MTG OF CONFERENCE IS SCHEDULED TO MEET WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, AT 10 A.M. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN SANSON-ROMAN (NICARAGUA) INFORMS US THAT WHILE HE PREFERRED APRIL 16, SECRETARIAT INSISTED THAT THIS WOULD BE TOO LATE TO HAVE REPORT READY FOR FINAL PLENARY MTGS OF CONFERENCE, WHICH SCHEDULED FOR PM APRIL 16 THROUGH AM APRIL 18.

2. SANSON-ROMAN TELLS US THAT CAMEROON CREDENTIALS RECEIVED AND ONLY REMAINING PROBLEMS WERE HAITI (ONLY TELEGRAM PER REF A), GABON (ONLY TELEX CREDENTIALS RECEIVED), AND LIBERIA (ONLY NOTE FROM PERMANENT MISSION
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RECEIVED). DRAFT REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE,

JUST CIRCULATED TO MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE 8 AUSTRALIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, IRAQ, MADAGASCAR, NICARAGUA, PERU, SENEGAL, THAILAND, CAMEROON AND US), PROPOSES TO DEAL WITH PROBLEM IN FOLLOWING MANNER:

QTE THE CREDENTIALS OF ONE DELEGATION WERE RECEIVED IN THE FORM OF A NOTE FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION IN GENEVA AND THOSE OF TWO DELEGATIONS IN TELEX OR TELEGRAM FORM FROM THEIR MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

QTE THOSE DOCUMENTS WERE PROVISIONALLY ACCEPTED BY THE COMMITTEE IN THE LIGHT OF THE CONSIDERATION THAT, DURING THE SECOND SESSION, THERE WOULD BE NO DOCUMENT TO SIGN AND THAT IT COULD BE HOPED THAT, BY THE THIRD SESSION, THOSE COUNTRIES WOULD SUBMIT CREDENTIALS IN CONFORMITY WITH RULE 3 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE. END QTE.

3. SANSON-ROMAN BELIEVES HE WILL SUCCEED IN HAVING CREDENTIALS PROVISIONALLY ACCEPTED, AS THIS WAS PROCEDURE USED AT LAST YEAR'S SESSION OF CONFERENCE WITH RESPECT TO 14 DELS WHOSE CREDENTIALS NOTIFIED ONLY BY TELEGRAM, PERMANENT MISSION NOTE OR XEROX COPY OF ORIGINAL. SANSON-ROMAN ALSO BELIEVES THAT HE CAN HOLD OFF ANY CHALLENGE TO GVN OR KHMER CREDENTIALS AS THOSE CREDENTIALS ACCEPTED LAST YEAR AND UNDER RULES OF PROCEDURE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE ONLY REVIEWS NEW OR REVISED CREDENTIALS. WE NEVERTHELESS HAVE TOUCHED BASE WITH GVN AND KHMER REPS.

4. WE CONTINUE TO THINK EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO GET HAITIAN CREDENTIALS TO GENEVA.

5. RE QUESTION REF (E): IN VIEW OF ACTIONS ALREADY TAKEN BY AMEMBASSIES BERN AND PORT AU PRINCE, WE DO NOT THINK WE NEED REQUEST GVN ALSO TO APPROACH HAITIANS. SECONDLY, UPON CHECKING LAST YEAR'S CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT, IT TURNS OUT HAITI DID NOT SUBMIT PROPER CREDENTIALS LAST YEAR EITHER. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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